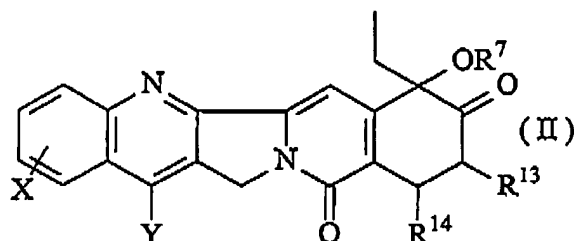


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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A camptothecin analog having the structure:



where

X and Y are each independently SH, S-C₁₋₆ alkyl, NH-C₁₋₆ alkyl, CHO, N₃,

-Z-(CH₂)_a-N-((CH₂)_bOH)₂, wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of O, NH and S, and a and b are each independently an integer of 2 or 3,

-Z-(CH₂)_a-N-(C₁₋₆ alkyl)₂ wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of O, NH and S, and a is an integer of 2 or 3, or

-CH₂-L, where L is halogen (F, Cl, Br, I), ⁺N₂, ⁺(OR¹)₂, ⁺S(R¹)₂, ⁺N(R¹)₃, OC(O)R¹, OSO₂R¹, OSO₂CF₃, OSO₂C₄F₉, C₁₋₆ alkyl-C(=O)-, C₄₋₁₈ aryl-C(=O)-, C₁₋₆ alkyl-SO₂-, perfluoro C₁₋₆ alkyl-SO₂- or C₄₋₁₈ aryl-SO₂-, (where each R¹ independently is C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₄₋₁₈ aryl or C₄₋₁₈ ArC₁₋₆ alkyl);

R⁷ is H; and

R¹³ and R¹⁴ are each H or combine to form a double bond;

and

~~n is an integer of 1 or 2,~~

and salts thereof.

Claim 2. (Cancelled)

Claim 3. (Original) The camptothecin analog of claim 1, wherein Y is -CH₂-L.

Claim 4. (Original) The camptothecin analog of claim 1, wherein L is selected from the group consisting of Cl, Br and I.

Claim 5. (Cancelled)

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Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The camptothecin analog of claim 1, which is selected from the group consisting of R 20-R isomers, S 20-S isomers and mixtures thereof.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The camptothecin analog of claim 6, wherein the analog is the S 20-S isomer.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The camptothecin analog of claim 6, wherein the analog is the R 20-R isomer.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) The camptothecin analog of claim 6, wherein the analog is an S 20-S rich mixture of S 20-S and R 20-R isomers.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) The camptothecin analog of claim 6, wherein the analog is a R 20-R rich mixture of S 20-S and R 20-R isomers.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) The camptothecin analog of claim 6, wherein the analog is a racemic mixture of R 20-R and S 20-S isomers.

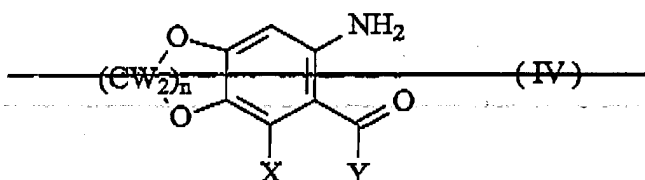
Claim 12. (Currently Amended) A method of treating leukemia or solid tumors comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, a therapeutically effective amount of the camptothecin analog of claim 1.

Claim 13. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the camptothecin analog of claim 1.

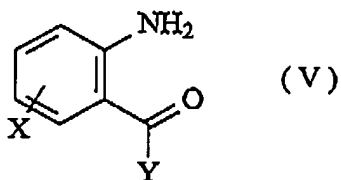
Claim 14. (Cancelled)

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing the camptothecin analog according to claim 1 comprising:

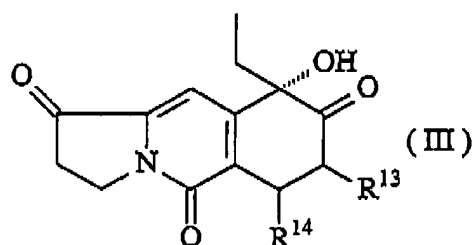
condensing a compound of formula ~~IV~~ or V



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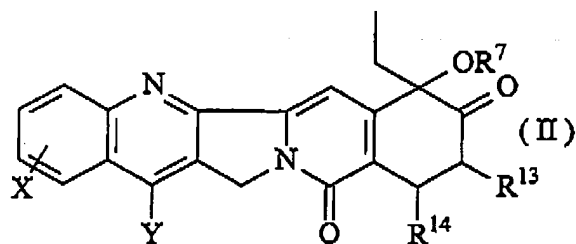
where X, Y, and ~~W and n~~ are as defined in claim 1,
with a tricyclic ketone of formula III



where R^{13} and R^{14} are as defined in claim 1

to form the camptothecin analog of claim 1.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) A camptothecin analog having the structure:



where

X is NO_2 , NH_2 , H, F, Cl, Br, I, COOH , OH, O- C_{1-6} alkyl, SH, S- C_{1-6} alkyl, CN, NH- C_{1-6} alkyl, N(C_{1-6} alkyl) $_2$, CHO, C_{1-8} alkyl, N_3 ,

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$-Z-(CH_2)_a-N-((CH_2)_bOH)_2$, wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of O, NH and S, and a and b are each independently an integer of 2 or 3,

$-Z-(CH_2)_a-N-(C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl})_2$ wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of O, NH and S, and a is an integer of 2 or 3,

$-CH_2-L$, where L is halogen (~~F, Cl, Br, I~~), $+N_2$, $+(OR^1)_2$, $+S(R^1)_2$, $+N(R^1)_3$, $OC(O)R^1$, OSO_2R^1 , OSO_2CF_3 , $OSO_2C_4F_9$, $C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}-C(=O)-$, $C_{4-18} \text{ aryl}-C(=O)-$, $C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}-SO_2-$, perfluoro $C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}-SO_2-$ or $C_{4-18} \text{ aryl}-SO_2-$, (where each R^1 independently is $C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, $C_{4-18} \text{ aryl}$ or $C_{4-18} \text{ ArC}_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$); or

$-CH_2NR^2R^3$, where (a) R^2 and R^3 are, independently, hydrogen, $C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, $C_{3-7} \text{ cycloalkyl}$, $C_{3-7} \text{ cycloalkyl } C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, $C_{2-6} \text{ alkenyl}$, hydroxy $C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, $C_{1-6} \text{ alkoxy } C_{1-6} \text{ COR}^4$ where R^4 is hydrogen, $C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, perhalo $C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, $C_{3-7} \text{ cycloalkyl}$, $C_{3-7} \text{ cycloalkyl}-C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, $C_{2-6} \text{ alkenyl}$, hydroxyl- $C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, $C_{1-6} \text{-alkoxy}$, or $C_{1-6} \text{ alkoxy}-C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$;

Y is SH, S- $C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, NH- $C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, -CHO, N_3 ,

$-Z-(CH_2)_a-N-((CH_2)_bOH)_2$, wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of O, NH and S, and a and b are each independently an integer of 2 or 3,

$-Z-(CH_2)_a-N-(C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl})_2$ wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of O, NH and S, and a is an integer of 2 or 3, or

$-CH_2-L$, where L is halogen (~~F, Cl, Br, I~~), $+N_2$, $+(OR^1)_2$, $+S(R^1)_2$, $+N(R^1)_3$, $OC(O)R^1$, OSO_2R^1 , OSO_2CF_3 , $OSO_2C_4F_9$, $C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}-C(=O)-$, $C_{4-18} \text{ aryl}-C(=O)-$, $C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}-SO_2-$, perfluoro $C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}-SO_2-$ or $C_{4-18} \text{ aryl}-SO_2-$, (where each R^1 independently is $C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$, $C_{4-18} \text{ aryl}$ or $C_{4-18} \text{ ArC}_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$);

R^7 is H; and

R^{13} and R^{14} are each H or combine to form a double bond;

and

~~n is an integer of 1 or 2,~~

and salts thereof.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) A method of treating leukemia or solid tumors comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, a therapeutically effective amount of the camptothecin analog of claim 16.

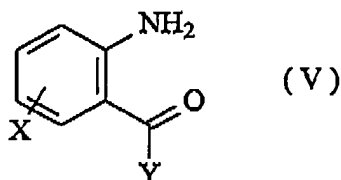
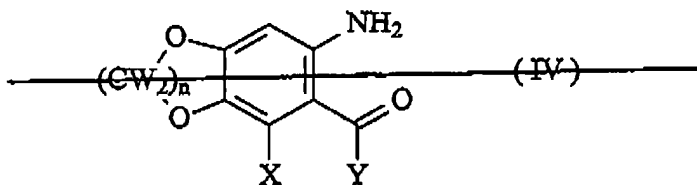
Claim 18. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the camptothecin analog of claim 16.

Claim 19. (Cancelled)

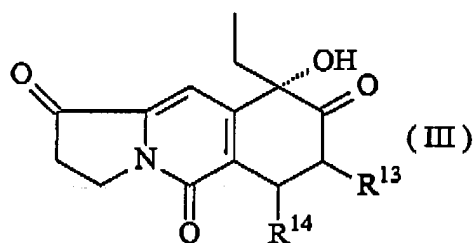
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Claim 20. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing the camptothecin analog according to claim 16 comprising:

condensing a compound of formula IV or V



where X, Y, and W ~~and n~~ are as defined in claim 16,
with a tricyclic ketone of formula III



where R¹³ and R¹⁴ are as defined in claim 16
to form the camptothecin analog of claim 16.